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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST
 AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL
 AGREEMENT WITH EDUCATIONAL CHARTER FOUNDATION OF
 FLORIDA, INC., ON BEHALF OF SOUTH DADE CHARTER
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, states that a charter school contractual agreement may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the sponsor and the approval of both parties to the agreement.

The initial charter school contractual agreement for South Dade Charter Elementary School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on May 18, 2005, for a term of 10 years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year.

South Dade Charter Elementary School will be located at 18800 SW 360 Street, Homestead, Florida 33090, and will serve a maximum of 625 students in grades kindergarten through five in its first year of operation. The governing board will operate the school through a management agreement with Imagine Schools, formerly Chancellor Beacon Academies.

South Dade Charter Elementary School has requested a first amendment to defer the opening of the school for a period of up to two years, that is, no later than the 2007-2008 school year.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on May 26, 2005, and by a majority vote, made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Educational Charter Foundation of Florida, Inc., on behalf of South Dade Charter Elementary School.

Copies of the amendment to the charter school contractual agreement will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, grant approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Educational Charter Foundation of Florida, Inc., on behalf of South Dade Charter Elementary School, to defer the opening of the school for up to two years until the 2007-2008 school year.

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